

SPSO decision report

Case: 201204872, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: policy/administration
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, complained that he was asked to sign a form in prison to say that he agreed to comply with certain standards of behaviour. We were satisfied that it was appropriate for the prison to seek to manage prisoner behaviour by introducing a form about expected behaviour standards if they wished to do so, and to invite prisoners to sign it to signify agreement. We also considered it appropriate that prisoners did not have to sign but that, if they chose not to do so, this would be noted in their records.

Mr C also considered that the prison's reply to his complaint was wrong because he said it conflicted with a reply to another prisoner. We could not comment on the other prisoner's complaint for reasons of confidentiality, and because we did not know the full story of that complaint or the reply to it. However, we were satisfied that the prison's reply to his own complaint was not inaccurate.